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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1116

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SUBJECT: Report of Missing Persons to National Data Base.

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BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a missing person may notify and request assistance from the Indiana State Police Department (ISP). The bill requires a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a missing person enter information that relates to the missing person into the National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) data base not later than two hours after the report of the missing person is received.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill removes the definition of a high-risk missing person from certain reporting requirements for missing person reports. This bill may increase the workload of ISP to the extent they receive notices from law enforcement agencies, as well as to the extent that they aid in locating the missing person.

Background Information: A high-risk missing person, as defined by Indiana Code, is a person whose whereabouts are not known and who may be at risk for injury or death given the following situations: (1) missing as a result of abduction, (2) the result of a crime, (3) occurred under circumstances that are dangerous, (4) missing for more than 30 days, (5) missing and in need of medical attention or prescription medicine, (6) at risk due to abduction by a noncustodial parent, (7) mentally impaired, (8) less than 21 years of age, (9) the victim of a previous threat of violence or an act of violence, (10) determined by law enforcement to be at risk of injury or death, and (11) a missing endangered adult. To be considered a high-risk missing person, the individual would have to qualify for only one of the aforementioned situations.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill may increase the number of missing person reports completed by local law enforcement (in addition to the currently established protocols for reporting high-risk missing persons). As a result, local law enforcement workload will increase to input necessary information into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and depending on the decision of the law enforcement agency, workload may also increase to notify ISP and request their assistance in locating the missing person. Actual increases in workload are indeterminable.

Currently, Indiana Code only requires local law enforcement to notify ISP, receive notice from ISP, and enter information into NCIC and any other appropriate database if the missing person is considered a high-risk missing person.

Background Information: There were a total of 2,469 missing adult persons reported during 2007. This number may not include how many adults were reported as missing and were later found or how many adults are reported missing per year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: ISP.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement.

Information Sources: National Center for Missing Adults, Indiana Code.

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